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## ABSTRACT

A gas generant is provided which decreases toxic components, in particular carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides, in generated gas to a concentration practical as an air bag system for automobile.

A nitrogen-containing organic compound such as a compound containing amino group or amido group or a tetrazole derivative and a oxygen-containing inorganic oxidizer such as  $\mathrm{KNO_3}$ ,  $\mathrm{Sr(NO_3)_2}$  or  $\mathrm{KClO_4}$  are essential components. Therewith one or more metal oxides are contained in the mixed catalyst of the gas generant composition. The oxide is selected from manganese dioxide having a specific surface area not less than 50  $\mathrm{m^2/g}$ ; copper oxide having a specific surface area not less than 1  $\mathrm{m^2/g}$ ; molybdenum oxides such as molybdenum dioxide, molybdenum trioxide, molybdic acid and ammonium molybdate; and copper oxides, cobalt oxides, iron oxides and siver oxides.